

*Proclamation*  
*Presented*  
**In Recognition of Nurse Anesthetists Week**

**WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Association of Nurse Anesthetists (HANA)** raises awareness that Nurse Anesthetists were the first professional group to provide anesthesia in the United States and are the oldest recognized group of advanced practice registered nurse specialists, having administered anesthesia continuously for over 150 years; and

**WHEREAS, HANA** recognizes that these registered nurses have completed a graduate-level education program in a nationally accredited program of nurse anesthesia, and after graduation are qualified to take the national certifying exam; and

**WHEREAS, HANA** highlights that all graduates of nurse anesthesia programs receive a master's or a doctoral degree upon completion of the rigorous academic and clinical curriculum, and only graduates who successfully pass the national certifying exam may use the title *Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist*; and

**WHEREAS, HANA** reiterates that according to the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, more than 65 percent of all rural hospitals rely on CRNAs to provide anesthesia care, and without these advanced practice nurses, thousands of rural facilities nationwide would be unable to maintain trauma stabilization, surgical and obstetrical capabilities, forcing many rural Americans to travel long distances for services; and

**WHEREAS, HANA** underlines that CRNAs practicing in U.S. hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, physicians' offices, and the medical facilities of the U.S. Military, Veteran's Administration, and Public Health Service administer 34 million anesthetics each year; and


**WHEREAS, HANA** reminds us that CRNAs provide anesthesia services to patients of all ages and acuities statewide, making CRNAs the solution for a healthier Hawai'i;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i,** do hereby proclaim January 19-25, 2014, as

**"NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK"**

in Hawai'i and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the invaluable contributions of Nurse Anesthetists to our islands.

**DONE,** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventeenth day of January 2014.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i